

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner to discuss the rejections in this case. Applicant's representative will telephone the Examiner shortly to schedule the interview. Should the Examiner pick up this case for examination before speaking with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to schedule the interview.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 9, 14, and 15 are pending, with Claims 1 and 9 being independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 4, 6, 9, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Martin, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,769,374. In addition, Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Martin in view of the patent to Mouchi (U.S. Patent No. 4,676,567). Also, Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Martin, et al.

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejections, independent Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Applicant submits that as amended, these claims are allowable for the following reasons.

Amended independent Claim 1 relates to an image display system comprising an image display apparatus provided with a first electrode and a second electrode, a peripheral device provided with a third electrode and a fourth electrode, which can be mounted onto the image display apparatus, and a guide for directing a path when a mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display apparatus is changed. The first and second electrodes are placed along the guide. The first electrode and the third electrode are for supplying power from the image display apparatus to the peripheral device. The second

electrode and the fourth electrode are for transmitting a signal between the image display apparatus and the peripheral device. The first and second electrodes are placed in such a way as to directly contact the third and fourth electrodes, respectively, by positioning the peripheral device to any of a plurality of mounting positions along the guide.

By this arrangement, when a peripheral device is attached to an image display apparatus, not only are the electrodes for supplying power from the image display apparatus to the peripheral device connected, but also the second electrode and the fourth electrode for transmitting a signal between the image display apparatus and the peripheral device are connected.

In contrast, the patent to Martin, et al. is not understood to disclose or suggest at least the feature of placing first and second electrodes of an image display apparatus in such a way as to directly contact third and fourth electrodes, respectively, of a peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to any of a plurality of mounting positions along a guide, the first and third electrodes being for supplying power from the image display apparatus to the peripheral device, and the second and fourth electrodes being for transmitting a signal between the image display apparatus and the peripheral device, as recited by amended Claim 1.

For this reason, amended Claim 1 is allowable over the patent to Martin, et al. And since Claim 9 has been amended in a similar manner, it is allowable for similar reasons.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent Claims 1 and 9 now be withdrawn.

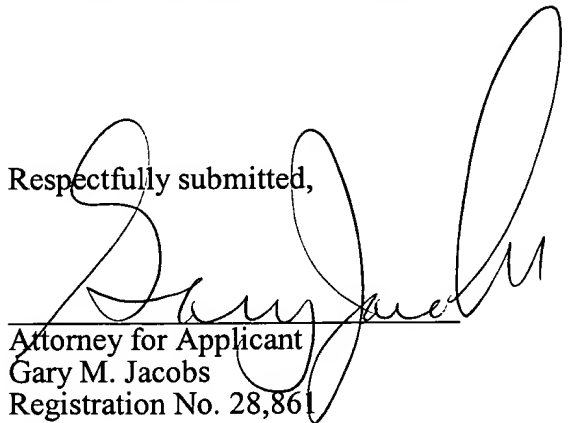
The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given for the independent claims and because they recite features that are patentable in their own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and therefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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